

Holding of National Games in Karnataka

1423. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred so far by the Karnataka Government of the preparations of the National Games at Bangalore and Mysore;

(b) when the proposed National Games will be held;

(c) the total quantum of funds released so far by the Union Government;

(d) whether the Karnataka Government had sought additional Central financial assistance for this purpose;

(e) if so, the extent of the assistance sought for;

(f) whether the Union Government have released the additional funds sought for; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The IVth National Games will be held from 18th May to 29th May, 1997. The total expenditure incurred so far by the Karnataka Government for preparation of these Games is about Rs. 73.00 crores.

(c) A grant of Rs. 8.00 crores has been released to Government of Karnataka for creation and modernisation of sports infrastructure for the National Games. Besides, a sum of Rs. 1.50 crores has been released to Sports Authority of India for further disbursement to Government of Karnataka for installation of Synthetic Hockey Field and Athletic Track at Bangalore and laying of Synthetic Surfaces for two indoor halls at Bangalore and Mysore.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has sought an additional grant of Rs. 15.00 crores for the National Games.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Ganga Water

1424. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantum of water flowing in the river Ganga;

(b) the quantum of water being utilised for irrigation, drinking and industrial use, separately;

(c) the quantum of unutilised water which flows into the sea; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the maxi-

mum utilisation of the water of river Ganga?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The average annual flow in river Ganga in India is estimated to be 501643 million cubic metre. Out of this, a quantum of 2,50,000 million cubic metre is estimated to be available for utilisation. The quantity of water being utilised at present for various purposes is not available. However, the projected utilisation for various purposes for the year 2000 will be as under:

(i) Irrigation	- 150764 million cubic metre
(ii) Drinking	- 7900 Million cubic metre
(iii) Industries (including thermal & nuclear Power stations)	- 5870 million cubic metre

Total	164534 million cubic metre
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The unutilised water flows to Bangladesh.

(d) Efforts are made by the concerned State Governments to make optimum use of Ganga Water.

[English]

Private Sector in Construction of NHs

1425. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked to States to take steps to involve the private sector in the construction of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Government has recently formulated the guidelines for taking up the projects on Build, Operate & Transfer basis under private sector participation. The states have been advised to identify the projects to be taken up under the scheme.

(c) The State Governments are forwarding proposals from time to time.

Cholera and Malaria

1426. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether diseases like Cholera and Malaria are the results of the failures of the public health system;

(b) whether these diseases spread due to the lack of prompt action by the Government;

(c) whether the Government have provided any compensation to the victims of these diseases, who suffer due to negligence of the Government; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the common man from serious infections and diseases caused by the failure of the public health system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Diseases like Cholera and Malaria may be attributed to environmental factors such as excessive rain, water logging etc. as well as to sanitation problems in some areas.

(c) There is no scheme for providing compensation to Disease victims.

(d) A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

[Translation]

Dental Colleges

1427. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to provide prescribed monthly stipend to students doing internship in dental colleges, as per the directions issued by the Dental Council of India or the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private dental colleges are also providing the said stipend as per the above provisions;

(d) if not, whether any action has been taken or being taken against such erring colleges;

(e) whether any complaints have been received that receipts for payments are taken from students without giving them the above stipend; and

(f) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government to stop the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) As per BDS course Regulations 1983 every candidate passing the final BDS examination is required to undergo one year paid rotating internship in dental college. These regulations are applicable to the students of private dental colleges also.

(e) and (f) As per the records available in the Dental Council of India, there are no such complaints.

[English]

Diplomatic Mission at Karachi

1428. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reopen the diplomatic mission at Karachi after the new elected Government took office in Islamabad; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to negotiate the matter further?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The Consulate General of India, Karachi was closed down on 4.1.1995 in response to the demand of Government of Pakistan. Government of India have urged Pakistan to reconsider its decision. Our efforts in this direction will continue.

Missile Capability

1429. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the missile capability of its neighbours;

(b) whether any assessment have been made by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Pakistan and China; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to match with the missile capability of neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All developments having a bearing on national security are constantly assessed and monitored. Necessary measures are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness so as to thwart any misadventure by an adversary. The Guided Missile Development Programme ensures that state-of-the-art missile technology would be available to India.

Crash of AN-32 Aircraft

1430. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an AN-32 Aeroplane of Indian Air Force had flied from Moscow to Jam Nagar Aerodrome via Dubai and Muskat on March 25, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after one or two hour of air travel from Muskat the plane was misplaced;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether all the crew members had died; and